Supply of pig iron to small scale industries of Gujarat

1782. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated annual demand of pig iron by the small scale industries of Gujarat;

(b) what is the quantum of pig iron allotted and actually delivered to Gujarat during the last three years;

(c) what is the C.I.F. value of imported pig iron and what is the local price of pig iron;

(d) whether any representations have been received from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce, Small Scale Industries Association, Government of Gujarat or any other body requesting immediate and adequate supply of pig iron;

(e) whether it is a fact that some of the industries had recently been closed down for non-supply of pig iron in Gujarat; if so, how many and since when; and

(f) what steps are taken to rush the pig iron supply to Gujarat together with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Demand for pig iron is not assessed State-wise. The details of demand for pig iron projected by Gujarat Small Industries Corporation Limited (GSIC) to Iron and Steel Controller (I&SC), the quantities allocated by I&SC to the Corporation and the supplies/off-take by GSIC and other consumers in Gujarat during the last three years are as follows:—

(Quantity in tonnes)

Year	Demand Projected by GSIC	Allocation by I&SC	Supplies/off-take by GSIC and other consumers in Gujarat	Imports
1983-84	1,92,000	1,09,000	86,330	66,400
1984-85	4,00,000	1,56,000	1,35,400	..
1985-86	4,00,000	1,29,000	1,31,059	..

(c) The estimated landed cost of imported pig iron is approximately Rs. 3275 per tonne as against the domestic price (JPC FOR domestic price) of Rs. 2690 per tonne.

(d) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from the Gujarat Chambers of Commerce and Industries and the Gujarat Government for immediate and adequate supply of pig iron.

(e) The Gujarat Chambers of Commerce and Industry have represented that a number of foundries are faced with problems of closure.

(f) Despatches of approximately 7300 tonnes of pig iron to GSIC and another 4000 tonnes to the Stockyards at Ahmedabad and Baroda have been made from SAIL Plants during October, 1986. Despatch of 9400 tonnes of pig iron during November '86 to GSIC and another 9400 tonnes to the Stockyards of SAIL in Gujarat for meeting the requirements of foundries, and other units have also been planned. In addition, GSIC has been allowed import clearance for 13000 tonnes of pig iron for 1986-87.

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Food Corporation of India (Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity (7th Amendment) Regulations, 1986.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (5) of section 45 of the Food Corporation Act, 1964, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Food Corporation of India Notification No. 38/F No. 39/2/82-E.P., dated the 31st October, 1986, publishing the Food Corporation of India (Death-Cum-Retirement Gratuity) (9th Amendment) Regulations, 1986.

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